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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Filing Receipt, mailed June 19, 2000, for the above-identified patent application. The Filing Receipt incorrectly indicates that this application is a continuation-in-part of only international application PCT/EP98/06756, filed October 23, 1998. In fact, this application is a continuation-in-part of two international applications: PCT/EP98/06756, filed October 23, 1998, and PCT/EP99/02664, filed April 20, 1999. This relationship to both international applications is noted in the original "Request for Filing a Continuation-In-Part of an International Application", filed with the application on March 28, 2000; at page 1, lines 16-21 of the specification; and at page 2 of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Thus, both of the aforementioned international applications should be listed on the Filing Receipt in the section entitled, "Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant".

Issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt reciting that this application is a continuation-in-part of both international applications as indicated above is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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